Sanctioning special projects in Andhra Pradesh

2180. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the month of March, 2002, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry for sanctioning the special projects in Anantapur, Mahaboobnagar and Vizianagaram districts of A.P.;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted three proposals for Poverty Alleviation Programme through use of Improved Agricultural Technology in Anantapur, Mehboobnagar and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh under the Special Project component of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in the month of January, 2002. Total cost of these Projects was Rs. 42.36 crores (Rs. 14.74 crores for Anantapur, Rs. 14.88 crores for Mehboobnagar and Rs. 12.74 crores for Vizianagaram). The projects were envisaged to benefit 5400 families and 2700 acres of land covering 50 villages of Anatapur district, 8000 families and 3200 acres land covering the 50 villages of Mehboobnagar district and 2080 families and 2600 acres of land covering 52 villages in Vizianagaram district. These projects were brought before the PSC. Meanwhile, State Government had desired to reprioritize these projects. The State Government has now recommended project for Anantapur only which is under consideration.

National policy on rehabilitation of drought affected families

2181. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Policy on resettlement and rehabilitation of drought affected families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to deal with the problems of drought affected families;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal with the Government to formulate a National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Drought affected Families.

(d) to (f) There is no proposal to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to deal with the problem of drought affected families.

Food for Work programme in Rajasthan

2182. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since when the 'Food for work' programme is in operation in the drought hit areas of Rajasthan;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains allocated and lifted;

(c) whether the programme is being regularly monitored; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Food for Work Programme was in operation in the drought hit areas of Rajasthan from January, 2001 to March, 2002. The details of foodgrains allocated and lifted are as under:

Year	Foodgrains Allocated (in MTs)	Foodgrains Lifted (in MTs)
2000-01	118145	118145
2001-02	621360	475217

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The Programme was monitored through periodical Progress Reports and returns, through Utilisation Certificates submitted by the State Government and visit of designated Area Officers to the State.